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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT KAUNDA' DEPARTURE FOR EASTERN EUROPE AND
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1. PRESIDENT KAUNDA DEPARTED LUSAKA EVENING OF NOV 17
ON HIS STATE VISITS TO ROMANIA, SOVIET UNION, YUGOSLAVIA,
AND IRAN. FOUR HOUR STOPOVER IN MALTA EARLY NOV 18
PERMITTED HOUR-LONG MEETING WITH PRIMIN MINTOFF. PRESIDENT
AND MRS. KAUNDA ACCOMPANIED BY PARTY OF 52, INCLUDING
FONMIN VERNON MWAANGA AND HIS BRIDE OF 24 HOURS; MIN OF
HEALTH (MRS.) MUTUMBA BULL; THREE MEMBERS CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF UNITED NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE PARTY --
WESLEY NYIRENDA, FINES BULAWAYO, AND FRANK CHITAMBALA --
WHO REPORTEDLY WILL STOP OVER IN BUCHAREST; SPECIAL
ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT MARK CHONA; AND AIR FORCE
CHIEF OF STAFF AND MIN STATE FOR DEFENSE
AIR COMMODORE PETER ZUZE. ALSO ACCOMPANYING
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PRESIDENTIAL PARTY ARE DIRECTOR OF SPORT MUSA

KASONKA AND CHAIRMAN OF FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION OF ZAMBIA (WHO APPEAR TO BE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PRESIDENTIAL FLIGHT TO GET TO YUGOSLAVIA TO NEGOTIATE NEW CONTRACT WITH FORMER SOCCER COACH FOR ZAMBIA'S FALTERING NATIONAL ELEVEN) AS WELL AS 38 MEMBERS OF ZAMBIA NATIONAL DANCE TROUPE. LATTER WILL PERFORM TWO DAYS IN ROMANIA AND THEN FOR THREE WEEKS IN SOVIET UNION UNDER SOVIET-ZAMBIAN CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT.

2. PRESENCE OF MINISTER OF HEALTH BULL IN PRESIDENTIAL PARTY TENDS CONFIRM THAT AMONG SUBJECTS EXPECTED TO BE RAISED IN MOSCOW IS SOVIET OFFER OF ADDITIONAL DOCTORS TO HELP MEET ZAMBIA'S CHRONIC SHORTAGE OF TRAINED MEDICAL PERSONNEL, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL AREAS (LUSAKA'S 2348).

3. ZUZE'S INCLUSION IN THE DELEGATION NATURALLY SUGGESTS POSSIBLE DISCUSSION WITH EAST EUROPE OF MILITARY PROCUREMENT AND TO EXPLAIN GRZ POLICY OF NOT ACCEPTING ACCREDITATION OF MILATTS. HE MAY WELL HAVE BUSINESS WITH THE YUGOSLAVS WHO HAVE IN THE PAST PROVIDED ZAMBIA AIR FORCE WITH 18 SOKO BASIC TRAINERS AND LIGHT ATTACK AIRCRAFT AS WELL AS PILOT TRAINING. ZUZE ALSO ACCOMPANIED KAUNDA ON FEBRUARY 1974 TRIP TO CHINA. ONE PURPOSE SERVED IS INVOLVEMENT OF MILITARY IN POLITICAL LIFE OF COUNTRY, WHICH A REASON WHY ZUZE WAS BROUGHT INTO GOVERNMENT AS MIN STATE FOR DEFENSE LAST DECEMBER ALONG WITH ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF CHINKULI.

4. ACCORDING ROMANIAN EMBASSY SECOND SECRETARY, STOP IN BUCHAREST INTENDED RETURN VISIT OF PRESIDENT CEAUSESCU TO ZAMBIA IN 1972. SOURCE DISCOUNTED LIKELIHOOD OF NEW TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT BEING SIGNED INASMUCH AS ONE HAD BEEN CONCLUDED LAST AUGUST AT TIME OF PRIME MINISTER CHONA'S TRIP TO BUCHAREST.
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5. PARTY SEC GEN ALEXANDER ZULU HAS BEEN DESIGNATED ACTING PRESIDENT IN KAUNDA'S ABSENCE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL SILUNGWE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER. WILKOWSKI

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